PARKS & RECREATION

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 8th, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Rowlett Community Centre
5300 Main Street, * Rowlett, Texas 75088
Room D

PRESENT: Wayne Baxter, Lonnie Cornwell, Ronnie Miller, Norman Tsao, Matt Grubisich

ABSENT: Erica Moss, Karen Scholz, Debby Bobbitt, Sonja Sackor, Gabriel Palma, Ken Romaine

VISITORS: N/A

STAFF: Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation; Sebrena Smith, Sr. Administrative Assistant.

---

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. A quorum was present with Matt Grubisich acting as regular Board member.
3. Ron motioned to approve minutes from August meeting, second by Matt.
4. Wayne Baxter led discussions concerning complimentary Rowlett Community Centre (RCC) membership passes for all Boards and Commissions members for the length of their term.
    a. Majority of the Board agreed that our volunteers should receive at least one year of free membership from RCC. This membership would be for the volunteer only and not their family.
    b. Motion brought forth by Norman Tsao to present a letter to City Council to offer free single membership for Boards and Commissions volunteers for first year of service; including present volunteers. Second by Ron Miller, 4-1 in favor.
5. Wayne discussed that Karen Scholz will not be participating on the Parks Board in the future. Mayor Harper has asked Karen to find people to serve on the committee for Judge Loveland's Memorial.
6. Wayne discussed with the Board a proposed name change of Wedgewood Park to Kenwood Heights Park. This name change is suggested in order to give the neighborhood ownership in their park and a sense of community pride.
    a. Matt asked where the name Wedgewood came from; with concerns that the parks name represented something that would cause controversy. Wayne stated that Wal-Mart donated the land for the park and it was named Wedgewood because the land is in shape of a wedge. Our goals are not to upset community by renaming park.
    b. Motion brought forth by Matt to rename Wedgewood Park to Kenwood Heights Park, second by Lonnie, 5-0 in favor.
7. Matt discussed with the Board his ideas on advertising on our ball fields. Jermel stated that City Council is being presented with logistics of advertising in the near future. Board agreed that they would like to pursue the advertising on ball fields and to keep it on the Parks Board agenda in the future.
8. Lonnie gave the Board an update on ELC.

PARKS & RECREATION
THE CITY OF ROWLETT

a. KRB had their annual meeting with City Council and introduced Council to ELC.

b. Mayor Harper suggested that he would like to see ELC have the backing of the Garland Independent School District.

c. ELC will have an opportunity on September 28th to present an educational presentation to the GISD school board. This will be an outline of how ELC would be involved with GISD. This is an extraordinary education opportunity for the future.

9. Wayne led discussions concerning water mitigation.

a. Matt agreed to work on the subcommittee.

10. Jermel led discussion concerning the 2010-2011 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board's Goals.

a. Jermel stated that our goals need to be very specific, timely, and dated.

b. Lonnie shared his experience with other cities organizations like KRB and their fundraising projects.

c. Wayne reminded Board that this meeting will be the last until the beginning of the new term. We should have at least two new board members this coming year. We have two available positions open on the Board.

11. Jermel shared with the Board the Director's Report.

a. KaBoom and PARDners Foundation are currently working together to organize a potential playground to be built at Wedgewood Park. They need to raise $7,500 toward this program. We are in the running for KaBoom to organize, oversee, and to build this playground with the help of volunteers.

b. Wet Zone finished out the year with a net profit of around $10,000.

c. Wet Zone had "The Rowlett Dog Swim", put on by the Friends of Rowlett Animals. It was a huge success with 210 dogs and over 350 people. Proceeds from ticket sales went to the organization and Wet Zone also rented the park for $550 to cover costs.

d. Remember this month's "Movies on Main". This schedule is located in the fall edition of Lakeside Leisure.

12. Public Announcement. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. No member of the board or commission may discuss nor take any action with regard to the announcements.

13. Members of the Board may request topics for future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matters have been properly placed on a posted agenda.

14. Matt Grubisich made motion to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Ron Miller seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Lonnie Cornwell, Vice Chairman

Jermel Stevenson, Parks Director